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Looking for a Summer Forest Service Job?

Colville, WA -US Forest Service managers have implemented a new centralized hiring process for temporary or seasonal jobs in national forests throughout Oregon and Washington. The new phased process started on December 1, 2014. The deadline to get applications turned in is shorter than in the past.

There are three phases to the new process:

- Phase 1 hiring includes all temporary fire-related jobs. The time period for candidates to submit applications for all fire-related temporary jobs is January 6-12, 2015. Apply on usajobs.gov.
- Phase 2 involves all non-fire related temporary positions not addressed in Phase 1. Candidates will need to submit applications for non-fire related temporary jobs on February 4-10, 2015. Apply on usajobs.gov
- Phase 3 is the "catch all" period, for positions that were not filled during phase 1 or phase 2. This phase is intended to fill positions that were not filled during the first two phases of the process.

Lists of all the temporary fire-related jobs and other summer jobs that need to be filled this summer are posted on the Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center web site at https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/Outreach. A variety of positions will be available in our other programs as well, including range, hydrology, soils, fisheries, timber and archaeology.

"The phased approach this year will improve efficiencies in the review and selection process for thousands of temporary positions to be filled throughout Oregon and Washington this year," said Colville National Forest Administrative Officer, Jennifer Knutson.

"Working for the Colville National Forest is a rewarding experience. Our employees take great pride in managing our public lands in a way that benefits our local communities," Knutson added.

Questions can be addressed to the Forest Service Human Resource Management Contact Center at 877-372-7248, ext. 2, or at the My Hiring Question email inbox at pnwregionhiringmanagerquestions@ms.fs.fed.us.

Centralized temporary firefighter hiring has been used at Forest Service offices in California, Arizona and New Mexico for the past few years.

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The mission of the US Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Recreational activities on our lands contribute \$14.5 billion annually to the U.S. economy. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

